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PATENT OPERATIONS

In re Application of: )  
Achille Arini et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1652  
Serial No.: 09/815,533 ) Examiner: Steadman, David J.  
Filed: March 16, 2001 )  
For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PHARMACEUTICALLY ACTIVE  
RECOMBINANT PROTEINS

New York, NY 10036  
May 21, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action that was mailed February 21, 2002. Kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly add the following claims:

40. (new) A process for the production of a mature recombinant protein into the culture medium of a eukaryotic cell line which has been genetically transfected with a cDNA sequence encoding for a protein precursor, comprising an incubation of said cell line in the cell culture medium wherein alkanolic acids, their derivatives or salts thereof have been added for a time of at least 24 hours.

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